

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-7 and 9-14 have been amended.

Claims 15-21 have been canceled, however we reserve the right to file a divisional application on these same claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claims 15-21 have been canceled.

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to] claim 3 wherein said calcium compound makes up 68 to 80% wt. of said first granulate.

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 3 wherein said calcium compound makes up 60 to 95% wt. of said second granulate.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 3 wherein in step (i) the same material is used as said diluent and as said binder.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 3 wherein said water-soluble diluent comprises at least one sweetener.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 3 wherein said water-soluble diluent makes up 70 to 96% wt. of the total weight of said water-soluble diluent and said water-soluble binder in said first granulate.

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 3 wherein said water-soluble binder is selected from celluloses, polysaccharides, maltodextrin, inulin and polyvinylpyrrolidone.

Claim 11 has been amended as follows:

11. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 3 wherein said water-soluble binder is a polyvinylpyrrolidone.

Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

12. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 11] claim 3 wherein said first granulate has a particle size distribution of $D(V, 0.1) = 15-21 \mu\text{m}$, $D(V, 0.5) = 70-120 \mu\text{m}$ and $D(V, 0.9) = 190-330 \mu\text{m}$.

Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 12] claim 3 wherein a said further component is mixed with said first granulate, said further component being selected from: vitamin B₆, vitamin K, vitamin C, vitamin D, isoflavones, inulin, and oligofructose and mixtures of two or more thereof.

Claim 14 has been amended as follows:

14. (Amended) A process as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 13] claim 3 wherein in step (ii) said calcium compound is also mixed with isoflavones.